

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 7.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1.(amended) A method of preventing or inhibiting the production of viral-DNA

in a cell infected with a virus by direct interference of said virus' integration comprising

introducing into said cell, before the cell is infected with said virus, a conditionally

replicating viral vector that integrates into said cell as part of its replication cycle,

wherein said vector prevents or inhibits the production of viral DNA from copies of said

virus that would have integrated into the cell's genome.

Please enter the following new claims 8-21:

b2 cont'd. --8. The method of claim 5 wherein said cell is a CD4+ cell.

9. The method of claim 4 wherein said virus is a wildtype virus.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said conditionally replicating viral vector is

introduced at a multiplicity of infection from about 2 to about 50.

*This is not structural
diff'rence.
virus type different
virus strain different*

11. The method of claim 10 wherein said multiplicity of infection is from about 2 to about 20.

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12. The method of claim 11 wherein said multiplicity of infection is from about 2 to about 10.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein said multiplicity of infection is from about 2 to about 5.
14. The method of claim 1 wherein said cell is a primary cell.
15. The method of claim 14 further comprising introducing said cell into a subject.
16. The method of claim 15 wherein said subject is human.
17. The method of claim 15 further comprising the administration of an anti-viral agent to said subject.
18. The method of claim 1 wherein said conditionally replicating vector further comprises an anti-viral genetic payload.
19. The method of claim 14 wherein said cell is a human cell.
20. The method of claim 1 wherein said conditionally replicating viral vector is derived from an HIV virus.
21. The method of claim 20 wherein said HIV virus is HIV-1.--